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Introduction



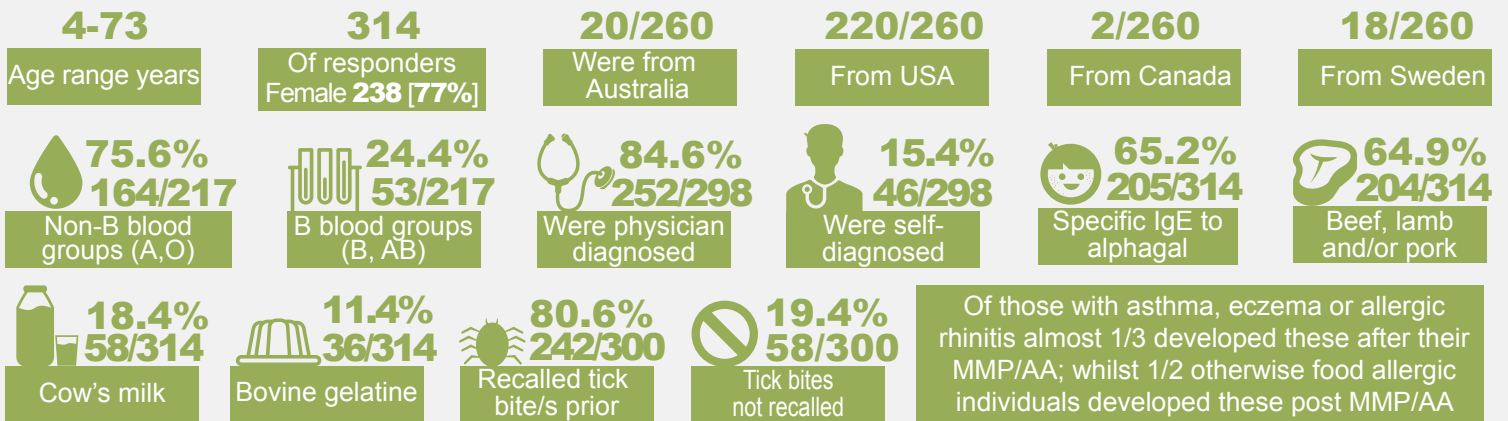
Our study documents the clinical spectrum of mammalian meat product allergy (MMP/AA) due to sensitization to galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose (alphagal), an emergent allergy in tick-endemic areas world-wide (van Nunen 2014, 2015).

Methods

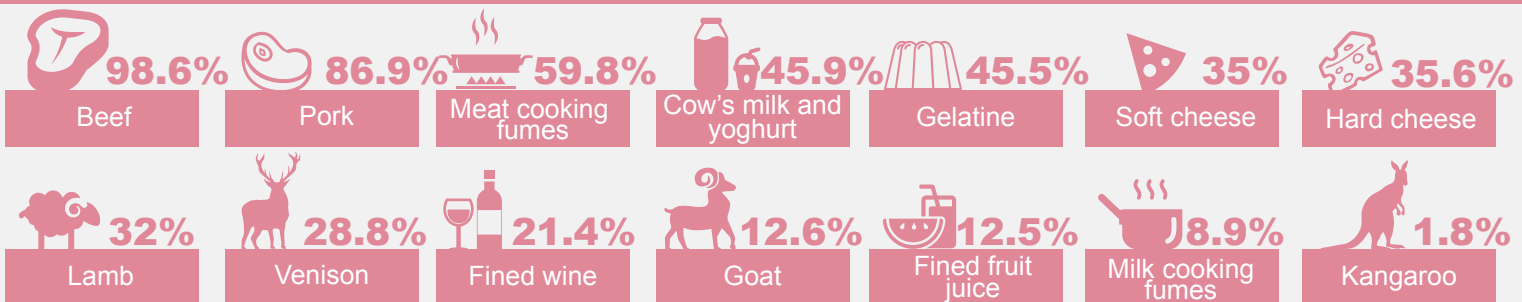


A questionnaire was developed which enquired about demographic data (including blood type), details of diagnosis of alphagal allergy, history of tick bites, need for adrenaline auto-injector possession and atopy. Sources of alphagal-induced reactions were sought in food, cosmetics and medical exposures. Members of the private, international alphagal and A&AA Facebook sites were invited to participate and consent for publication obtained.

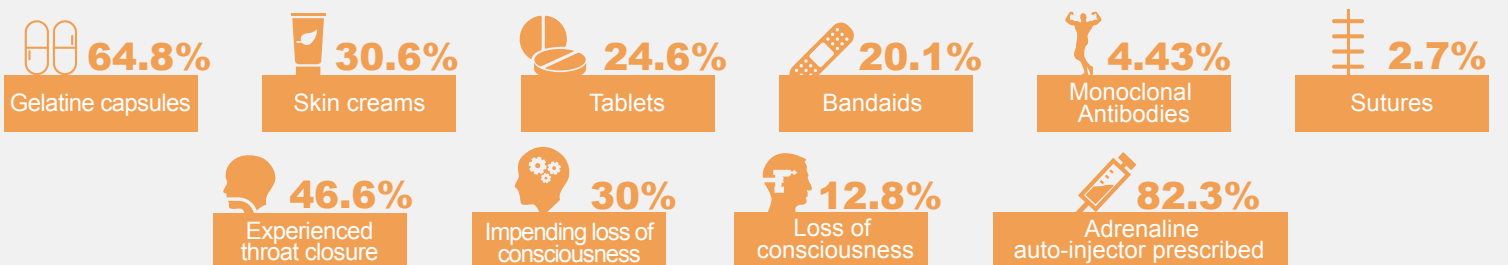
Results - n=314



Food reactivity - n=314



Medical exposures - n=314



Conclusion

In this severe allergy, widespread distribution of MMP/alphagal exposes sufferers to considerable risk of reaction in their daily lives and when presenting for medical treatment.